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I am aware that a consulting firm has been employed to make a report based on its computer modelling software. However, I also know, based on the fact that both my daughter and her partner are water engineers and heavily involved in water modelling scenarios, that there are many many possible outcomes based on data that is plugged into these models. There is no certainty that the real outcome will match the theoretical outcome based on these models. Given the complexities of the water table and geomorphology around the proposed mine the possibility of problems is very real. And these issues could affect the water table and geomorphology and therefore the homes, farms and businesses irrevocably. What recourse do local people have if their businesses are compromised by Terramin's activities? I do not feel that the benefit to a few people including Terramin Mine owners, their employees and shareholders of having this mine operating could ever outweigh the potential problems for the local people, the adjacent wineries and the enormous tourist industry involved - all of these could suffer for the sake of profit for a few. It simply doesn't make any sense to have a mining operation in the middle of and adjacent to a world class winery like Bird in Hand. I also am extremely concerned that we, as locals, appear to have no voice after these submissions have been made and Terramin has made their response back to the government. It feels that if they tick the boxes their application will be approved and we are powerless to stop anything happening. The bottom line is that the mining regulations that exist are simply not appropriate for a highly populated more urban area like Woodside, where the proposed mine is surrounded by homes and wineries that will be directly impacted by its existence. It make no sense whatsoever that these families and businesses could be jeopardised by an industry that has traditionally and should only be allowed to be carried out in more remote unpopulated areas where they can do less harm.

Additional comments

If this mine is approved then it paves the way for other mines in populated, world class tourist areas of South Australia. How can this be beneficial for the tourist economy, the revenue of which far exceeds the proceeds of a mine like Terramin is proposing and for decades as opposed to a few years? It does not make any sense! Also as can be seen in the Terramin mine in Strathalbyn they agreed as part of that development, that they would only process ore from that mine in Strathalbyn. Now they have been approved by this government nullifying the previous community agreement to enable them to process ore from other sites as well. This has upset the local community and is bad faith by the government and Terramin mines and does not engender any trust in the process. How do we, the community around the proposed mine know that this, or something similar, would not also happen in this case? People live in the hills for their beauty, peace and tranquillity; they do not live here to be next to a mine with trucks thundering by, especially when there is a real potential for harm to the environment.